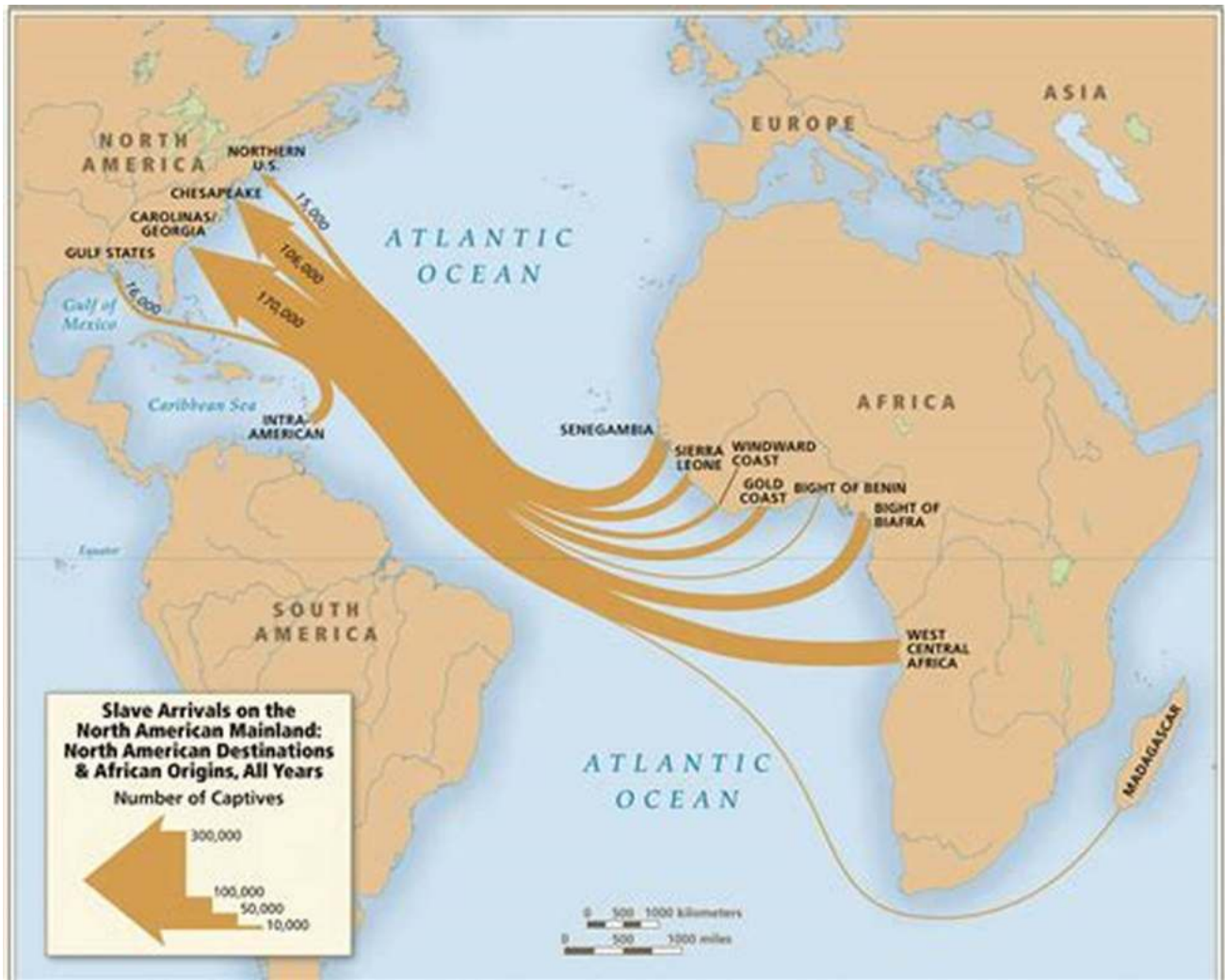


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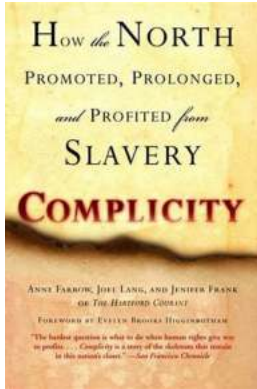


## The American Slave Trade

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The slave trade had a significant impact on economic and social aspects of life throughout the United States, including the Northern states. While slavery was

not as prevalent in the North as it was in the South, it is important to recognize the role the North played in promoting, prolonging, and profiting from the institution of slavery.



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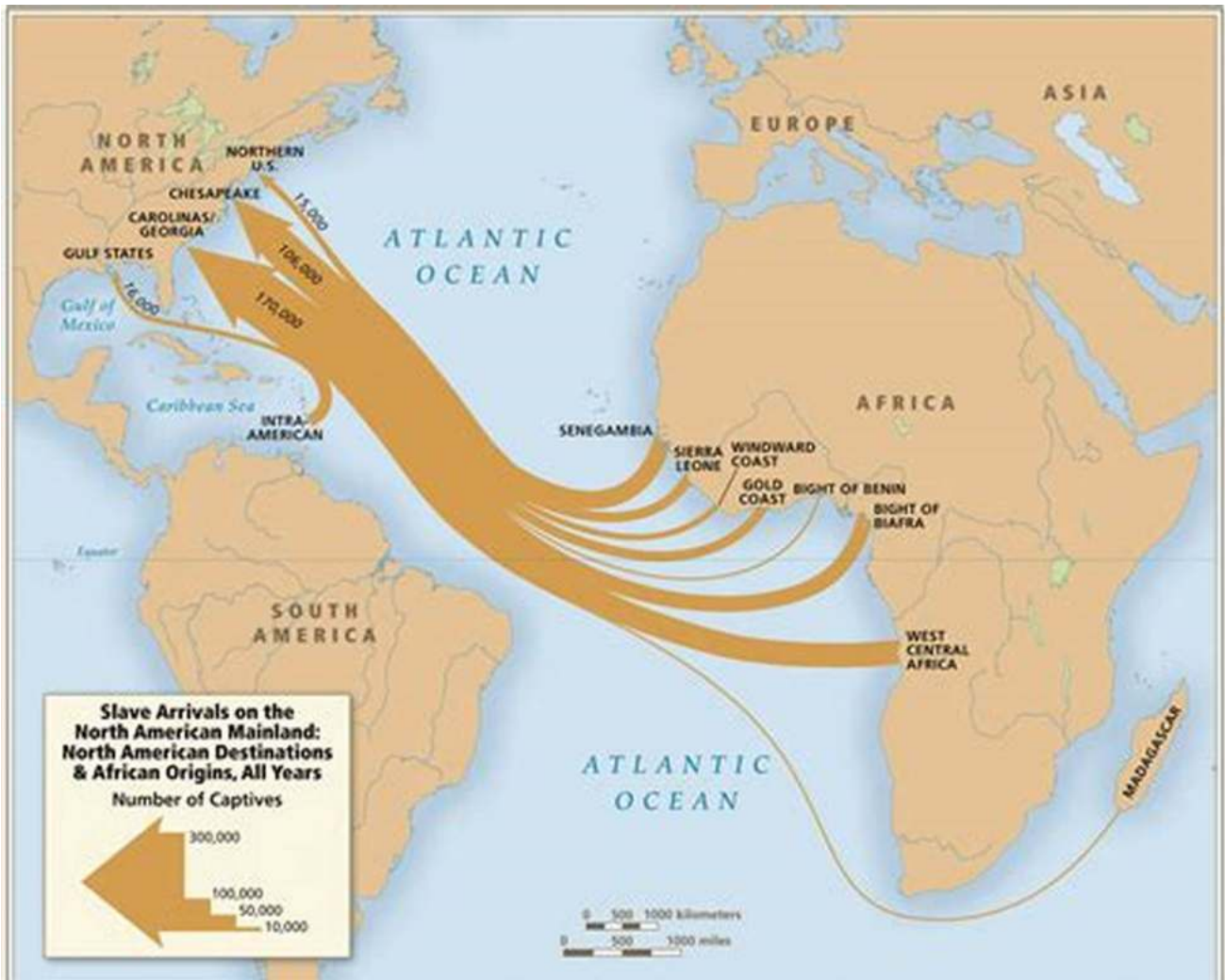
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### **Northern Involvement in the Slave Trade**

The North played a central role in the transatlantic slave trade, which saw millions of African individuals stolen from their homes and forced into a life of enslavement. Northern merchants and shipbuilders played a crucial role in transporting enslaved Africans across the Atlantic to the Americas, including the Southern plantations.

New England, in particular, thrived on the slave trade. Cities like Boston and Newport became major hubs for the slave trade, with merchants accumulating vast fortunes by participating in the buying and selling of human beings.



## Industrialization and Slavery in the North

As industrialization took hold in the North, many industries relied on raw materials produced by enslaved individuals in the Southern plantations. Cotton picked by slaves, for example, was a crucial ingredient in the textile mills of New England.

While the North did not have the same high concentration of enslaved individuals as the South, it is important to recognize that Northern businesses and industries heavily relied on the institution of slavery, contributing to its prolonged existence.

## Political Complicity

The Northern states also played a significant role in maintaining slavery through political compromises. In an effort to keep the country united, compromises such as the Missouri Compromise of 1820 allowed slavery to persist and expand.

It is crucial to acknowledge that many Northern politicians actively supported and defended the institution, despite its contradiction with the ideals of liberty and equality.

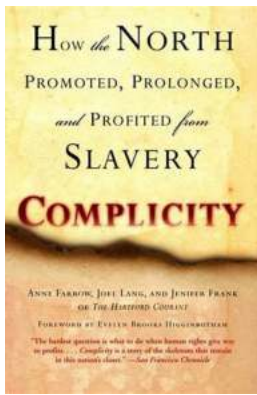
## **Abolitionist Movement**

While it is true that the North eventually became the center of the abolitionist movement, it took many years for sentiment to shift. It wasn't until the mid-19th century that abolitionist voices gained prominence.

However, even among those who opposed slavery, there were conflicting views on the best course of action. Some advocated for immediate emancipation, while others argued for gradual abolition. The battle for freedom was far from unified, even within the North.

The history of slavery in the United States is a complex and painful one, involving deep-rooted economic and societal interests. The North's involvement in promoting, prolonging, and profiting from slavery should not be overlooked or underestimated.

While it is essential to acknowledge the role the South played in the institution's perpetuation, understanding the North's role helps paint a more comprehensive picture of the United States' history with slavery. Only by confronting and learning from this dark chapter can we move forward towards a more just and equitable society.



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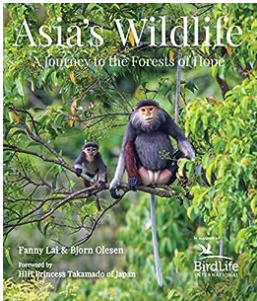
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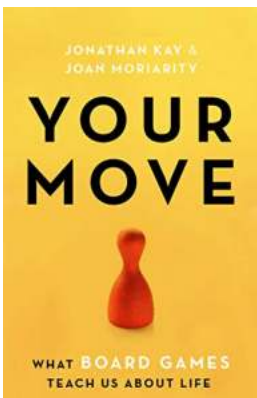
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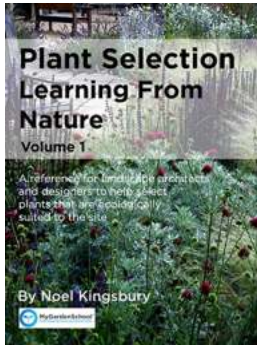
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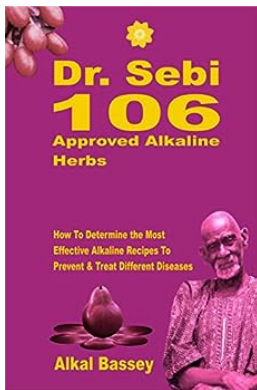
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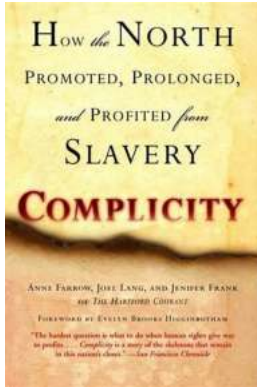
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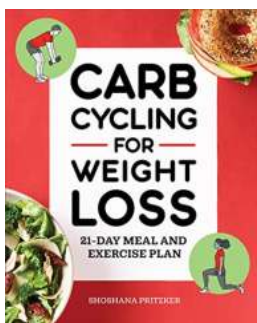
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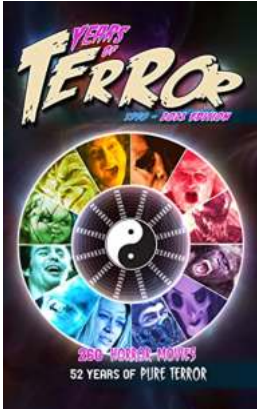
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